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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The instant communication is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed March 24, 2010.

A request for a three month extension of time is filed concurrently. The deadline for responding to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is thereby extended to July 24, 2010.

The instant communication contains only one section, namely REMARKS. This section starts on a separate sheet in accordance with present Patent Office practice and procedure.